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1. The Czechoslovak army did not have a separate organization comparable to the U.S. military police. The SNB did not perform work comparable to that performed by the U.S. military police. To the best of my knowledge, regular troops from army units were picked to control military traffic during army unit road marches. I do not know what organization would guard POW's in time of war, but I believe that either the SNB or the army would perform that function.
2. Counter-intelligence (Dustojnik Obranneho Zpravodajstvi -- DOZ) performed the work done by the U.S. military police and provost marshal. AWOL's and disorderly soldiers were arrested by the Pozorci Vojskoveho Telesa, the equivalent of a commandant or an officer of the day. Such an officer, with several noncommissioned officers, was stationed in each town. The men for such duty were picked from various troop units and did not constitute a special unit. In addition, the SNB could arrest AWOL's, drunks, and disorderly troops; in each case, however, the SNB or the officer of the day had to turn over the apprehended troops to the individual unit commanding officers. The DOZ in the army, or its counterpart, the VZS in the PS, then conducted an investigation and prosecuted the offender. no agency such as the Pozorci Vojskoveho Telesa, the SNB, the DOZ, or the VZS bothered to check on soldiers, and soldiers were arrested only if they were disorderly.

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